

WEATHER

TEMPERATURES

The beginning of **January** was unusually warm and wet due to storms from the south and southwest. Temperatures fell throughout the month bringing more winter weather. The monthly average temperature was 35 degrees, compared to 28 degrees in 2004. **February** had gradually warming temperatures through the month with daytime temperatures in the lower 60's at various sites. The monthly average temperature was 36 degrees, compared to 33 degrees in 2004. Winter weather returned in the beginning of **March** and fluctuated with warmer temperatures throughout the month. The monthly average temperature was 38 degrees, compared to 45 degrees in 2004. The beginning of **April** was warmer than the end, when winter weather returned. The monthly average temperature was 54 degrees, compared to 53 degrees in 2004. Weather warmed up in the beginning of **May** and then cooled late in the month, making this one of the coolest Mays on record. The monthly average temperature was 58 degrees, compared to 67 degrees in 2004. After a cool May, **June** temperatures were warm and continued climbing throughout the month. The monthly average temperature was 72 degrees, compared to 69 degrees in 2004. **July** was hot and humid with temperatures in the 90s. The monthly average temperature was 76 degrees, compared to 73 degrees in 2004. **August** was also hot and humid with temperatures cooling slightly at the end of the month. The monthly average temperature was 75 degrees, compared to 70 degrees in 2004. **September** started off a little cooler and drier and then warmed up. The cooler temperatures returned late in the month. The monthly average temperature was 69 degrees, compared to 67 degrees in 2004. **October** temperatures became more "fall like" during the month and by the end of the month, frost and freeze warnings were issued across the state. The monthly average temperature was 56 degrees, the same as 2004. **November** started off with warmer temperatures ending when a cold front moved over the region. The monthly average temperature was 46 degrees, compared to 47 degrees in 2004. Cold weather continued throughout most of **December**, which ended with warmer temperatures. The monthly average temperature was 31 degrees, compared to 35 degrees in 2004.

PRECIPITATION

The beginning of **January** was wet, with rainfall well above normal and later in the month, levels tapered off as snow fell mixed with rain and sleet. The monthly average precipitation was 3.80 inches, compared to 2.86 inches in 2004. **February** started off with little precipitation and rainfall throughout the month was scattered with some isolated heavy showers. The monthly average precipitation was 2.18 inches, compared to 2.64 inches in 2004. The month of **March** brought warm and wet spring like weather to the mountain state. The average monthly precipitation was 3.71 inches, compared to 3.65 inches in 2004. The beginning of **April** was rainy and at the end of the month, snow returned. The monthly average precipitation was 3.57 inches, compared to 4.84 inches in 2004. **May** started unusually dry and later in the month showers and thunderstorms brought moisture to the state. The monthly average precipitation was 3.49 inches, compared to 6.34 inches in 2004. Southern parts of the state had rain in the beginning of **June** and isolated showers continued through the month. The monthly average precipitation was 1.66 inches, compared to 4.39 inches last year. **July** began with little rain and continued with scattered thunderstorms. The monthly average precipitation was 4.99 inches, compared to 4.19 inches in 2004. Spotty showers continued throughout **August**. The monthly average precipitation was 4.09 inches, compared to 3.82 inches in 2004. **September** was mixed with more spotty showers, mostly over the western sections of the state. The monthly average precipitation was .73 of an inch, compared to 7.53 inches in 2004. A weak tropical storm brought wet weather in the beginning of **October** and the month finished with some snow in Northern portions of the state. The monthly average precipitation was 3.87 inches, compared to 3.00 inches in 2004. **November** started with little precipitation and later in the month a cold front brought more showers. The monthly average precipitation was 3.41 inches, compared to 3.73 inches in 2004. **December** started off with rain and snow showers and ended with warmer temperatures and heavy thunderstorms. The monthly average precipitation was 2.23 inches, compared to 2.53 inches in 2004.

FREEZE DATES: Last Freeze Temperature In Spring and First in Fall, By State Divisions, 2003-2005

Division & Station	2003		2004		2005	
	Last in Spring	First in Fall	Last in Spring	First in Fall	Last in Spring	First in Fall
NORTH CENTRAL & NORTHWESTERN						
Weston	Apr 24	Oct 3	May 5	Oct 18	May 3	Oct 25
Fairmont	Apr 1	Oct 3	May 5	Nov 9	April 25	Oct 25
Middlebourne	Apr 28	Oct 3	May 5	Oct 18	May 6	Oct 25
Parkersburg	Apr 27	Oct 2	May 4	Oct 18	May 4	Oct 29
Elizabeth	N/A	N/A	N/A	Oct 13	May 5	Oct 31
SOUTHWESTERN & SOUTHERN						
Huntington-AP	March 31	Oct 3	May 4	Nov 9	May 3	Oct 27
Charleston-AP	Apr 24	Oct 3	Apr 28	Nov 9	May 3	Oct 29
Logan	March 31	Nov 9	Apr 6	Nov 9	April 25	Nov 11
Union	Apr 24	Sept 30	May 5	Oct 12	May 4	Oct 27
Beckley-AP	Apr 24	Oct 2	May 4	Oct 17	May 3	Oct 24
EAST CENTRAL & NORTHEASTERN						
Elkins-AP	Apr 28	Oct 1	May 4	Oct 6	May 5	Oct 27
Moorefield	Apr 24	Oct 3	May 4	Oct 18	May 7	Oct 25
Wardensville	Apr 24	Oct 3	Apr 17	Oct 12	May 5	Oct 27
Martinsburg-AP	Apr 8	Oct 3	Apr 16	Oct 18	May 7	Oct 28

AP-Airport N/A - Information was not available.

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